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DEPARTMENT FOR AID/SER/INC AND CM/ROD, ARA, S/NM AND DEA BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR FOR MATHEA FALCO AND MARY WAMPLER

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: MAINTENANCE AND
TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR AG AERO SERVICES

- 1. SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PROGRAM OFFICER, AND MAINTENANCE ADVISOR KARMAN MET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) FLORES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA, SECOND DEPUTY AG ALBA LEYVA, CHIEF OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MARISCAL FLORES, AND OTHER AERO SERVICES OFFICIALS ON APRIL 12. AG CALLED MEETING TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL PAPER ON MAINTENANCE, PREPARED BY KARMAN AND SENT TO AG BY CHARGE ON APRIL 4.
- 2. AG AND SENIOR STAFF MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) THEY INTEND TO CONCENTRATE ON UPGRADING THEIR IN HOUSE MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY; (B) SUCCESSOR TO PRESENT BELL CONTRACT SHOULD BE A CONTRACT SIGNED BY GOM AND FUNDED THROUGH A LETTER OF AGREEMENT; (C) TRAINING SHOULD BE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAJOR ACTIVITY WITHIN THE CONTRACT TERMS; AND (D) PROGRESSIVE DIMINUTION OF FOREIGN PRESENCE SHOULD LEAD TO TOTALLY MEXICAN OPERATED FUNCTION. EMBASSY NARCOTIC OFFICERS EMPHASIZED TIME ELEMENT AS BELL CONTRACT EXPIRES JUNE 30 AND ALL PRESENT AGREED THAT A WORK PLAN DEFINING SCOPE OF FUTURE CONTRACT SHOULD BE PREPARED PROMPTLY.

3. EMBASSY NARCOTIC OFFICERS FIRMLY CONVINCED AG SENIOR STAFF THOROUGHLY REVIEWED EMBASSY MAINTENANCE PAPER AS THEY SUBMITTED WRITTEN COMMENTS ON POINTS RAISED IN PAPER. ADDITIONALLY, BAEZA DISTRIBUTED BOUND COPIES OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL CHART WITH LEGENDS ON AG OFFICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

STRUCTURE IN RELATION TO CAMPAIGN WITH SECTIONS ON AERO SERVICES, COMMUNICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND AVIATION OPERATIONS. THE OBJECTIVE OF MEETING WAS FOR AG OFFICE TO FOCUS ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING OF MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISH GOALS. EMBASSY OFFICERS AGREE THIS MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED AS RESULT OF MEETING.

- 4. AG AND SENIOR STAFF NOW COGNIZANT OF NEED TO DEVELOP SCOPE OF ACTIVITY FOR NEW MAINTENANCE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONTRACT IN ORDER TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS US COMPANIES ASAP. TECHNICAL LEVEL MEETINGS ARE NOW UNDER WAY TO THIS END. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO AID/SER/INC FOR PERMITTING AVIATION ADVISOR HALL TO ARRIVE HERE APRIL 13 TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORK.
- 5. WE BELIEVE WE WILL END UP WITH A NEW CONTRACT SIMILAR TO PRESENT USG/BELL HELICOPTER COMPANY CONTRACT SOMEWHAT MODIFIED, WITH EXCEPTION THAT GOM WOULD SIGN CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, ON AN ADVANCE/REIMBURSABLE BASIS AND THAT AGREEMENT PROVIDING FUNDING WOULD SPELL OUT GOM OBLIGATIONS TO SUPPORT CONTRACTOR'S EFFORTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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